Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 15 and 16 so that the current status of all claims is as follows:

1.   (Previously Presented) A method for providing an operations architecture to implement a local service activation management system comprising the steps of:

providing a physical environment that is configured to support a local service activation management system, wherein the local service activation management system is configured to enable a core telecommunication system to provide local telephone service to customers, and wherein the core telecommunication system is configured to provide telecommunication services outside of a service area that is local to the customers;

managing the physical environment with managing hardware;

supporting the managing hardware with support infrastructure such that the support infrastructure is configured to enable the local service activation management system to be administered;

implementing a common integration platform; and

executing operation management procedures selected from a group of operation management procedures.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the group of operation management procedures consist of disaster recovery, scheduled maintenance, roll outs and release, production control, toolset procedures, service level agreement generation, operations level agreement generation, and service level reporting.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the managing hardware includes management servers, management controllers, management consoles, probes, and sniffers.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the support infrastructure includes start-up tools, shut-down tools, and recovery tools.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the integration platform includes common standards, common interfaces, common message formats, and common file logging forms.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, and further comprising the step of providing application management tools.

7.   (Previously Presented) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for providing an operations architecture to implement a local service activation management system comprising:

a code segment that provides a physical environment that is configured to support a local service activation management system, wherein the local service activation management system is configured to enable a core telecommunication system to provide local telephone service to customers, and wherein the core telecommunication system is configured to provide telecommunication services outside of a service area that is local to the customers;

a code segment that manages the physical environment with managing hardware;

a code segment that supports the managing hardware with support infrastructure such that the support infrastructure is configured to enable the local service activation management system to be administered;

a code segment that implements a common integration platform; and

a code segment that executes operation management procedures selected from a group of operation management procedures.

8.   (Original) The computer program of claim 7 wherein the group of operation management procedures consist of disaster recovery, scheduled maintenance, roll outs and release, production control, toolset procedures, service level agreement generation, operations level agreement generation, and service level reporting.

9.   (Original) The computer program of claim 7, wherein the managing hardware includes management servers, management controllers, management consoles, probes, and sniffers.

10.   (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 7, wherein the support infrastructure includes start-up tools, shut-down tools, and recovery tools.

11.   (Original) The computer program of claim 7, wherein the integration platform includes common standards, common interfaces, common message formats, and common file logging forms.

12.   (Original) The computer program of claim 7, and further comprising a code segment that provides application management tools.

13.   (Previously Presented) A system for providing an operations architecture to implement a local service activation management system comprising:

a physical environment that is configured to support a local service activation management system, wherein the local service activation management system is configured to enable a core telecommunication system to provide local telephone service to customers, and wherein the core telecommunication system is configured to provide telecommunication services outside of a service area that is local to the customers;

managing hardware for managing the physical environment;

support infrastructure for supporting the managing hardware such that the support infrastructure is configured to enable the local service activation management system to be administered; and

logic for implementing operation management procedures selected from a group of operation management procedures consisting of disaster recovery, scheduled maintenance, roll outs and release, production control, toolset procedures, service level agreement generation, operations level agreement generation, and service level reporting.

14.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the managing hardware includes management servers, management controllers, management consoles, probes, and sniffers.

15.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the support infrastructure includes start-up tools, shut-down ~~tolls~~ tools, and recovery tools.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the ~~support infrastructure includes start-up tools, shut-down tolls, and recovery tools~~ integration platform includes common standards, common interfaces, common message formats, and common file logging formats.

17. (Original) The system of claim 13, and further comprising application management tools.

18. (Original) The system of claim 13 further comprising a satellite interface for transmitting and receiving satellite information.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the satellite interface provides a plurality of communication services for relaying information to fixed and mobile stations.

20. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture for providing an operational architecture in a local service activation environment, the article of manufacture comprising a computer readable medium having operational architecture instructions comprising:

providing a physical environment that is configured to support a local service activation management system, wherein the local service activation management system is configured to enable a core telecommunication system to provide local telephone service to customers, and wherein the core telecommunication system is configured to provide telecommunication services outside of a service area that is local to the customers;

managing the physical environment with managing hardware;

supporting the managing hardware with support infrastructure such that the support infrastructure is configured to enable the local service activation management system to be administered;

implementing a common integration platform; and

executing operation management procedures selected from a group of operation management procedures consisting of disaster recovery, scheduled maintenance, roll outs and release, production control, toolset procedures, service level agreement generation, operations level agreement generation, and service level reporting.